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From the Peoria Register.

ON THE DEATH OF WM. LEGGETT.

Yes! passed away, in manhood's prime,
The chief who led the van of fight!
His eagle eye is quivered on time,
Down in his god-like might.
Another shade has joined the throng
Of spirits in a purer sphere,
Who on the side of right were strong;
And battled nobly for it here.

Among the gifted he hath stood
As braves the oak the lightning's shock,
Which towers high o'er the stately wood;
And doth the storm and tempest mock;
The whole assembled world might frown;
He swerved not from his lofty air;
The foes of Truth were cowed down
By fire caught from her altar flame.

Did legal fraud its plea advance,
And justice in the contest fall,
Beneath his full indignant glance
Its minions would in terror quail:
A matchless power dwelt in his pen—
"The thoughts that breathe and words that burn!"
And speaking for earth's down-trodden men,
Did every baser passion spurn.

Or did the clank of bondmen's chains
Fall harshly on the freeman's ear,
And groans rise from the sultry plains
Where slaves knew no sabbath year;
'Twas then his swift and fearless tongue
The tyrant bearded in his den,
And liberty's loud tocsin rung—
"The watchword—'God—our fellow men!'"

Weep not for him. His task is done
Just in the glowing noon of life;
The goal of wise ambition won,
Through victory in a mortal strife;
Yet grieve that now his strength we need
In conflict with the opposing foes,
Who, from their craven terror freed,
In serried phalanx round us close.

New York may mourn her noblest son,
Whose name alone shall be a host;
For though his high career be done,
The record of his life's not lost:
But cold in death, he speaketh still
In many a glowing thought and page,
Which will the bosom stir and thrill
With freedom's fire from age to age.

From the Boston Mercantile Journal.

THE SAILOR'S RETURN.

OR THE EVILS OF IMPRESSMENT.

BY HANSEN MARTINDALE.

KATHARINE WILSON was fondly attached
to her husband. His handsome features, his
graceful form, and frank and easy manners,
with the air of interest which in the eyes of a
youthful maiden is always attached to the gal-
lant spirits who voluntarily brave perils by sea
and by land, had first won her heart—while
his affectionate disposition, his generous nature,
and his sterling integrity, increased her affection
and secured her respect. He was the beau
ideal of human perfection, and the regret, the
deep seated sorrow which the young wife ex-
perienced, when her transient husband parted
from her, almost in the honey moon, to encoun-
ter dangers on the mighty deep, may be more
easily imagined than described. But there are
few ills of life for which time does not bring a
panacea—and although when the stage drove
off, carrying with it the dearest friend which
she had on earth, she was overwhelmed with
grief, and refused all consolation in a few days
the natural buoyancy of her spirits prevailed,
and she listened to the whisperings of Hope,
and gazed fondly on the images of joy to which
the enchantress pointed in the distance. Her
thoughts, however sleeping or waking, centered
on her husband, and although she attended to
her domestic duties with unremitting assiduity,
and lost no opportunity of administering to the
happiness of her parents, who loved her as
fondly as ever parents loved a child, she was
constantly looking forward, to the return of her
husband, as to the brightest hour of her ex-
istence.

The Rabican was expected to be absent
from eight to twelve months, according to cir-
cumstances—and the "Marine Lists" in the
newspapers were scanned with great care by
Katharine, in the expectation that they would
furnish her with occasional intelligence of the
progress and safety of the ship, in whose for-
tunes she now took so deep an interest. But
the Rabican on her outward passage, was not
spoken by any homeward bound vessel, much
to Kate's vexation and disappointment. In a
few months she began to expect letters from
her husband—but no letters came. At

length, one day, to her great joy, while exam-
ining the shipping department of the Boston
newspapers, she saw that the Rabican had ar-
rived at Bahia, in a passage of sixty-five days
from Boston. Now she should certainly re-
ceive letters from Jack Wilson—day after day
she visited the Post Office on the arrival of the
mail, but returned slowly to her home, sad and
disappointed. She consoled herself with the
idea that Jack had written, but that the letters
had been miscarried.

Time passed away, and the return of the
Rabican was daily expected. A year had ef-
fected an astonishing change in the condition
and character of Katharine Clifford. From a
lively, good humored, laughing, hoydenish girl,
she was transformed into a sedate matron—a
wife, who has tasted the cup of matrimonial
happiness, to have it dashed from her lips—a
mother, who gazed upon her new born son with
all a young mother's pride and fondness. She
regarded him as a new tie of affection, and
eagerly looked forward to that blissful hour
when she could present him to her husband.

The Rabican arrived in Boston. The news
sent a thrill of joy through the frame of Kath-
arine. Her husband had returned! She
should soon be pressed to his heart! And she
fondly hoped that they would never again be
separated, except by death—for she secretly
resolved to use all her influence with Jack,
to quit the sea forever. While she was thus an-
ticipating one of the richest enjoyments of which
human nature is capable, seated in the front pa-
rator of her father's house, with her infant smiling
in her lap, a letter from Captain Thompson was
received, informing her that her husband had been
impressed on board an English man-of-
war! In a few days, Captain Thompson him-
self, with a kindness of feeling, characteristic of
the profession to which he belonged, basted to
the young wife and mother agreeably to Jack
Wilson's request and communicated all the
details of the barbarous transaction.

This was a dreadful blow to Katharine, and
one for which she was entirely unprepared.—
She had often heard her husband speak of the
horrors of impressment—and now that he was
forcibly seized, and carried on board of an
English frigate, bound for the distant East
Indies, whose unhealthy climate was proverbial,
she felt, notwithstanding the hopes held out to
her in her husband's message, that he was lost to
her forever.

Years passed away, and nothing was heard
of Jack Wilson. An American vessel arrived
at Boston from Bombay, and brought intel-
ligence that the frigate Freebooter had lost more
than half her crew by the cholera, which broke
out on board. Katharine fully believed that if
the life of her husband had been preserved, he
would have returned to his home. She found
some means of communicating to her the grate-
ful intelligence. And she reluctantly acquiesced
in the general belief that Jack Wilson had
fallen a victim to a system of relentless tyranny,
adverse to the prospects of civilization, laws of
nations, and the laws of God. And deeply did
she lament the loss of her husband, and bitterly
did she rail against a government, which could
look quietly on, while its citizens were ruthlessly
seized, when peaceably pursuing their voca-
tions upon the high seas, and carried into
slavery to the most cruel and degrading kind.

Katharine was still beautiful—and being re-
garded as young and blooming widow, the heir-
expectant of a handsome property, it is not
surprising that eligible opportunities were offered
her of again changing her condition in life,
but she could not banish from her mind the re-
membrance of her gallant sailor—and when she
looked upon the countenance of her son,
and saw there the living miniature of his father,
she would give free vent to her tears—and
declared that she would never wed again.—
Even the suit of Simon Elwell, whom she had
always esteemed for his good qualities, and who
still cherished the affections which he had en-
tertained for her before her marriage was kind-
ly but decidedly rejected. Indeed, notwith-
standing the proverbial volatility and inconsis-
tency of woman, it is highly probable that Kath-
arine Wilson would never have married again, if
he had not been attacked with a severe
and fatal illness which decided her destiny.—
On his death-bed, feeling the desolate condition
of his daughter, left upon the wide world
without a protector, he besought her as his last
request, to give her hand to his friend and
neighbor, Simon Elwell. It is strange what a
propensity for match-making is often manifest-
ed by persons who are about quitting all the
sorrows and pleasures of life—it is sometimes
productive of good, but is often the cause of
many years of affliction to the living. In this
case, however, it seemed likely to conduce to
the happiness of both parties. Simon loved
Katharine with ardent affection—and Katharine,
although love was out of the question, respect-
ed and esteemed him—and if she had been re-
quired to choose again a partner for life would
probably have preferred him to any of her ad-
mirers. They were married in the chamber of
the dying man, whose last moments were solac-
ed with the reflection that he had secured the
happiness of his child.

It was about sixteen years after the com-
mencement of our narrative, that one cold
morning in December, a poor, forlorn-looking
object, miserably clad in the garb of a mariner,
was seen advancing with tottering steps, on the
road leading from Boston, towards Dover, N.
H. This was Jack Wilson—but he did not re-
semble the Jack Wilson whom we have in-
troduced to our readers. A long series of
sufferings, and exposures, in a tropical climate,
and hardships, had brought on premature old
age. His figure was no longer erect and grace-
ful, a youthful Apollo, but bent with infirmities
—his complexion was no longer ruddy, the
very emblem of health, but bronzed by expo-
sure to the sun, and sallow from disease—his
features were no longer regular and handsome,
exciting the envy of the one sex and the ad-
miration of the other, but his visage was disfig-
ured by a hideous scar, caused by a sabre cut
which he had received on board a piratical
proa on the coast of Sumatra—his hair was
longer dark and glossy, but grizzled and thin—
and his countenance was no longer beamed
with good humor, as if he was at peace with
himself and all the world, but was clouded
with care and sorrow. His noble spirit had
been broken with the lash—and a smile had
been a stranger to his features for many a long
day. After an absence of years, he was about
returning to his native home. He had become
so accustomed to misfortune that he no longer
anticipated any pleasure. What changes had
occurred during his absence, he knew not—but
he was anxious to learn something of the fate
of his mother and of the fair being to whom, in
his youth, he had pledged his vows of affection
at the holy altar. He had prepared for the
worst—for hope had long been a stranger to his
bosom.

The Freebooter, on board which frigate Jack
Wilson had been pressed, proceeded to the East
Indies—and it was not long before he attempt-
ed to redeem the promise which he had made
of escaping from his traidom. He was re-capt-
ured and cruelly flogged. He twice after-
wards repeated the experiment, but was unsuc-
cessful. When he was apprehended the last
time, he was tried by a court martial, and sen-
tenced to be flogged through the fleet! His
defence that of being an American Citizen—
although urged with much eloquence, did not
avail him—and he was compelled to submit to
this dreadful punishment, which is a refinement
on the cruelties inflicted by savages on their
captured enemies. For his repeated attempts
to escape, he was regarded with dislike by the
officers—and was treated with much wanton
cruelty and oppression. When the Freebooter
returned to England, Jack was transferred to
another ship—and in this manner, he passed
on board several of his Britannic Majesty's ves-
sels. He had been in several actions by sea and
by land, and received a number of wounds—he
had been several times attacked with diseases
incident to a tropical climate, among others by
cholera and yellow fever—he had been subjected
to contumely and abuse, until his kind feel-
ings and affections were paralyzed within his
bosom. At length, after having been severely
punished for some neglect of duty, he made his
escape from a sloop-of-war, while she was lying
at anchor in Batavia roads, swam a mile and a
quarter to an American vessel, in spite of the
sharks which escorted him on his way—was
snugly stowed away by the generous hearted
crew, until the vessel sailed for New-York—
and had at last returned to his native land, a
decrepid, broken down man-of-war's man, des-
titute of money, and even of clothes, and so
far as he knew, without a single friend in the
wide world. But although Jack Wilson was but
the wreck of his former self, his heart was
as noble and generous as ever.

Worn out with fatigue, Jack Wilson reach-
ed the confines of the little village in which he
was born, about six o'clock in the evening.—
The wind blew furiously from the northeast, and
a severe snow storm had commenced. Having
passed many years in a warm climate, and be-
ing but thinly clad, the wintry wind chilled his
frame—but he trudged slowly onward, anxious
to hear tidings of those dear ones, whose mem-
ory he still cherished in the inmost recesses of
his heart. When within a mile of the village,
he was overtaken by a good-looking youth who
seeing from Jack's rig, that he was a sailor, and
that he was fatigued with travel, addressed him
in tones of kindness, and asked him how far he
was travelling.

"To the next tavern," said Jack, "I have walk-
ed a long distance to day, and feel the need of
rest and refreshment."
"From your dress, you must be a sailor," said
the youth. "I always liked sailors—for my father
was a sailor—and if you will go home with
me, I know my mother will be glad to see you,
and to give to you a supper and a bed."
"Where is your father," said Jack.

"Oh," answered the kind-hearted lad, "he
died in the East Indies, a good many years
ago."
"What was his name?" asked Jack.

"Jack Wilson!" returned the youth. "He
was pressed on board an English man-of-war,
and never returned."
Jack started as if a bullet had entered his
breast. This then was his son—the son of his loved
Katharine! He grasped the hand of the youth, &
eagerly asked, "Your mother! your mother! What
of her. She is still living, you say, and where?"
"My mother," answered the boy, surprised at

the manner of his companion, married again
some years after my father's death—and now
lives with her husband, Mr. Elwell, in yonder
white house—pointing to a large and hand-
some mansion about a hundred rods further on
their path.

"Your mother married again?"—exclaimed
our weather-beaten mariner—"then," added he
in a low tone, "all the hopes which began to
gather around my heart are again blasted—and
blasted forever!"

This was an event which Jack Wilson had
dreaded—for he could not persuade himself
that Katharine, with her personal charms, and
surrounded by powerful influences, would re-
main for so many years, faithful to the memory
of the husband of her youth, whom she had no
longer reason to believe was in the land of the
living. And with a magnanimity, characteristic
of American tars, he had resolved, although
with a painful effort, to conceal his name, if he
found his gloomy anticipation, realized, and
resume the occupation, to which so many years
of his life had been devoted. He felt that his
sands were nearly run—and if he could not add
to the happiness of her he loved, resolved not
to be the means of making her miserable.—
But his mother! He wished to know her
fate.

"Did your father leave no parents?" asked he
of his son.

"Only a mother," answered the youth, "and
she died about six years ago, and lies buried
in the churchyard by the side of her husband.
I often visit her grave—for I dearly loved my
grandmother."

"You are a noble boy," said Jack—"and your
mother, you say, still feels an interest in those
who follow a seafaring life?"

"Yes," replied the lad, "I have often heard
her say that a sailor in distress should always
find a friend in her. You appear to be tried,
the snow falls thicker and faster. It is yet some
distance to the tavern—you cannot do better
than go with me. My father and mother both
will be glad to entertain you for the night."

Jack followed his son into the house of Simon
Elwell.

There was an air of comfort and prosperity
about the establishment, which is often wit-
nessed among our New-England farmers. A fire
burnt briskly on the hearth—Simon Elwell, a
good looking, intelligent farmer, hardly past the
meridian of life, was seated in the midst of his
family, with two of his youngest children on
his knee—and Katharine, a comely, motherly
looking dame, was briskly engaged in making
preparations for the evening repast.

"Father," said the lad, as he ushered the wear-
ied stranger in the room, where the family
were assembled, "you may from Colonel
Veasey's, I overtook a sea-faring man. He ap-
pears to have been unfortunate, and is almost
perished with the cold. I told him that you
and mother would give him a kind reception
—and he has very wisely accepted my invita-
tion."

"You have acted quite right, my son," said
Mr. Elwell. "My friend," continued he, ad-
dressing Jack, "I am glad to see you. Take a
seat near the fire and make yourself comfortable."

"Yes," said Mrs. Elwell, "we are always glad
to extend our hospitality to these adventurous
men, who expose themselves to all the perils of
the ocean, to furnish us with the necessities and
luxuries of life. They meet with hardships
enough on the seas, and have a claim upon the
kindness of landmen, which should never be
disallowed."

Supper was soon ready, and Jack took a
seat at the table. Every thing was conducted
with the utmost propriety. It was evident that
Simon Elwell loved and respected his wife—
and Katharine, united to a worthy man who
could appreciate her excellence, and surround-
ed by a group of cherubs, could hardly be other-
wise than happy.

"Oh," said Jack to himself, as he gazed once
more on the handsome features of the woman
to whom he had pledged his marriage vows,
"what a treasure I have lost. I cannot bear to
witness even her happiness with another."

He had eaten nothing since the day before
—but he had no appetite. He felt sick at his
heart—and a tear started in his eye.

Katharine saw with the keenness of a woman's
perception, the sorrow of her guest. She ad-
dressed him in the most kind and gentle man-
ner, and endeavored to discover the cause of
his distress. He listened to her a few mo-
ments with eager attention—for her voice and
manner reminded him of the blissful days, which
had long since passed away, never to return.—
But when she ceased and Simon Elwell spoke,
the charm was dissolved.

Jack Wilson abruptly arose. "I have a long
journey," said he, "to go—and I may not tarry
by the way—I must bid you good night."
He seized Katharine by the hand. "Fare-
well," said he in a tremulous voice, "God will
reward you for your kindness to a poor un-
fortunate sailor, who has now not one friend on
earth—may sorrow ever be a stranger to your
bosom."

He could say no more. The tears coursed
rapidly down his furrowed cheek. He pressed
the hand he held, to his lips—seized his hat and
rushed madly from the room. As he pursued

his way towards the village meeting house, the
steeples of which could be seen in the distance,
he sobbed aloud.

Simon Elwell and his wife were astonished
at the conduct of the stranger. They feared
that he labored under a derangement of the
mental system—and Katharine was much
pleased when her eldest son, who seemed to
feel a lively interest in the fate of the unknown
wanderer, announced his intention of hastening
after him, and guiding him on his way to the
village tavern.

The snow had done falling, the clouds were
breaking away, and the wind blew with violence
from the northwest, as Jack Wilson, with a
heavy heart, proceeded down the road towards
the village. Before he had accomplished half
the distance, he was overtaken by his son who
kindly offered to accompany him on the way.

"My noble boy!" said Jack, "any man might
well be proud of such a son—and I should even
be willing to linger still a time longer in this
troublesome world, provided I could be near you,
and were able to advise you, and instruct you
in your duties towards your fellow men and
your God. But in cannot be. Show me the
way to the public house. Perhaps that there I
can obtain a lodging for the night—we will then
part—you to enjoy all the bliss of a virtuous mo-
ther's affection—and I—to commune with the
spirits of another world."

The youth was now convinced that the
stranger was deranged, but he waded with him
through the snow, in defiance of the freezing
wind, until they reached the door stone of the
public house. "Here," said Jack, "I can obtain
shelter. They will hardly turn away an old
sailor from their door on such a night as this,
even if I am unable to pay them for their hos-
pitality."

He drew from his bosom a silken purse—
but it contained not a single coin. "Here," said
he, "my son, for I will call you such, take this
and preserve it in remembrance of an old sail-
or. It is a gage of affection which I have
carried near my heart for many, a long year—
I have no further use for it now."

The boy took the purse in silence.

"You told me," continued he, "that your father's
name was Wilson, what is your given name?"

"Jack," replied the lad, "they call me Jack
Wilson!"

"Jack Wilson!" exclaimed the unfortunate
man—and he threw his arms around the neck
of the astonished boy, and kissed him—"Jack
Wilson! my God! Almighty ever bless you!"
The boy returned to his home wondering at
the strange conduct of this singular man—but
the unhappy victim of the barbarous system of
impressment did not enter the tavern. He
directed his steps towards the churchyard!—
He knelt upon the spot where the remains of
his parents were buried—and prayed to his
God for forgiveness of his sins. His heart was
seared with disappointment—and his frame was
chilled with the fierce northern blast. In the
morning he was found stretched lifeless on the
grave of his mother!

The particulars of this mournful event soon
circulated through the village. When it was
told to Katharine Elwell, a new light seemed to
burst upon her. She asked her son for the
purse which was given him by the stranger the
night before. It was old and much faded.—
She saw marked upon the edge, the letters J.
W.—and Katharine then knew that the poor,
forlorn, decrepid and destitute sailor was no
other than her first husband.

The best thing of the season.—The following
excellent hit is copied from the New York
New Era:—

"Victoria Fashions—The very last.—We
have been shown, by a friend just arrived from
the city, a pair of Victoria Garters—the only
kind now affected by the English ladies. The
embroidery is superb, the agraffe unique; and
in settling this new fashion, the maiden Queen
has taken occasion to prove her national spirit,
by commemorating one of the proudest events
in English history—the battle of Trafalgar.—
They have a device, a miniature representation
that naval engagement; and a motto, the elo-
quent one then displayed—'England expects
every man to do his duty!'"

Matrimony. I've been afeared to venture
on matrimony myself, and I don't altogether
think that I shall speculate in that line for one
while; it jist suits a rovin man like me. It's a
considerable of a tie—and then it aint like a
horse deal, which if you don't like the beast
you can put it off in a raffle, or a trade, or a
swap, and suit yourself better; but you must
make the best of a bad bargain, and put up with
it. It aint often you meet a critter of the right
mettle; spirited, yet gentle, easy on the bit,
sure footed and spry; no bitin, no kickin, or
sulken, or racen, or refusen to go, or runnen
back, and then clean limbed, and easy carriage.
It's about the difficultest piece of business that I
know of.

"O dear!" blubbered out an urchin who had
just been suffering from the application of the
birch. "O my! they tell about 40 rods mak-
ing a furlong, but I can tell a bigger story than
that. Let um get such a plaguy likin' as I've
had, and they'll find out that one rod makes an
acher!"

From the Philadelphia Spirit of the Times.

Our Relations with England.

In the course of last winter we gave some reflections under the head of "our relations with England," which some of our readers may possibly remember. Among other topics, we touched upon the critical state of the boundary question, remarking that it ought scarcely to surprise us, by keeping in mind the sudden way in which England often made attacks, if some day or other we "laid down in peace at night and awoke to war in the morning." This, as our dates would show, was before Sir John Harvey's threat to Governor Fairfield, which, in fact, broke in upon the midst of our reflections.

That threat stands on record, as perhaps the most remarkable incident, considering its nature and results, that our public history has presented. Let us analyze it for a moment. The threat was perfectly undisguised and unequivocal. It was repeated not once merely but twice. The letter that contained it claimed for England exclusive jurisdiction over the disputed territory in the most peremptory manner, even going the length of asserting that the United States had assented to it. It was backed by military power. It was deliberate, pointed, positive. It left no room for misunderstanding on the side of Governor Fairfield, and, looking to the face of it, none for retreat on the side of Sir John Harvey. The latter was a major general in the British army, besides being governor of the border province of Britain, and he threw away the seaboard unless his terms were complied with. "I entreat your excellency," said this British functionary in writing to the Governor of Maine, "to relieve me from the necessity of acting up to the commands of my sovereign by an immediate recall of your force; and it is proper I should acquaint you that I have directed a strong force of her majesty's troops to be in readiness to support her majesty's authority in the event of my request not being immediately complied with." How mandatory! Surely this was like speaking from authority. Had the British cabinet been at his elbow, his words could not have worn a more official stamp, or the impress of a resolution more advisedly taken. It was as if the governor of a Roman province had spoken in the name of his mighty masters to a subordinate or tributary nation, whose frontier he had approached with the sword uplifted. No wonder the U. States were in a flame; no wonder all parties were united; no wonder Congress flew to its duty by prompt and war-like legislation; for when before had England uttered unmeaning threats. And was it likely, was it possible, that this her representative had spoken without orders in a matter so grave, or without reading them over and again to avoid the fatal mistake of not understanding them?

But what followed? We are amazed as we look back. Governor Fairfield moved not an inch. He did not recall his force. He strengthened it. He brought up fresh legions; yet all is peace! This is the result. It will make a striking page in our history. The whole event is full of instruction. It flashed before us and is gone; illustrating the potency of our institutions when put to any thing like a serious test; for to what has the result been owing? We proudly answer to the spirit of a great people roused, directed and controlled by the eminently wise course of our government, whose admirable structure shows itself adequate to all emergencies, however critical, the more our history advances. Five years ago it proved itself in a portentous collision with France; and now again with England. War seemed to hang by a thread. Many looked out for a battle by every mail; but no word of one came. Sir John halted, and was getting ready—and still getting ready; but never was ready. So it ended, notwithstanding that the emphatic word *immediate* found a place twice in his letter.

It is gratifying to our national feelings to ascribe the result to the causes indicated; but we abjure vain boasting. We desire and intend to take our stand upon facts that will bring with them new conviction as we proceed. For the present we will just ask, as preliminary, has England to this day denied her orders to Sir John Harvey? Never that we have heard of.

She may possibly have shaded them down a little in diplomatic notes written since, to save appearances, of which however we know nothing, but we do know that she said nothing in contradiction of them through any minister of the crown in either house of parliament, when she got the news of the military forces assembled by Maine upon the frontier, and the fifty thousand volunteers voted by Congress to back them if necessary. In the house of Lords, Lord Brougham upbraided ministers with being in the wrong, making the additional remark that England had still lame enough in arms to recede from her false and dangerous position. Then would have been the time for Lord Melbourne, as her premier, to have come forward with a denial of the orders. It may well be argued that the taunts of such an adversary would have drawn the denial out had the orders never been given, or had they been essentially exceeded. The foreign secretary, Lord Palmerston, said some important things in the house of commons after the news arrived; but he did not disavow the orders. We might therefore strongly, nay, incontestably, infer on such negative proof alone that Sir John Harvey had his orders. Parliament was the natural place for disavowal after the issue so publicly made up between the United States and Great Britain; an issue, in fact of arms. The issue, as things then stood, was peculiarly solemn; for it will not be forgotten that Sir John's claim to exclusive jurisdiction was confirmed, on the instant, by the British minister plenipotentiary at Washington in language the most explicit.

We shall hope for pardon in taking a passing notice of one of the minister plenipotentiary's notes to Sir John Harvey. It is that of the 27th of February, in which he transmits the temporary arrangement between Mr. Forsyth* and himself, and in which recommending its adoption, he says: "I think it best becomes us, servants of a sovereign whose generous forbearance is unequalled in the history of nations, to refrain from further action until time shall have been afforded Her Majesty's government to attempt the adjustment of the difference by friendly means." The words we italicize are, indeed, highly courteous. But all criticism is disarmed in the recollection that loyalty may take its loftiest flight when exalted by sex.—When Mr. Percival was prime minister of England, the Persian ambassador in London once told him that his countenance was sufficient to illuminate the atmosphere; that he was the diamond of diamonds and brilliant of brilliants. After this an English Envoy may be allowed to say of his young virgin Queen, that her generous forbearance was without parallel in human history! We have no quarrel with him, but the contrary, for so gallant and loyal an orientalist. As for his advice to the British major general to refrain from further action considering that N. England was waiting for him with men in arms twenty times out numbering his own, we might be tempted perhaps to hint that it was prudent! But we check our thoughts. We too sincerely rejoice that no drop of American blood was shed by British soldiers, to allow ourselves to get into any other vein of feeling. We rejoice that better counsels prevailed in England as events developed themselves. As for the U. States, they never desired, much less sought any other means of settling the difference than "friendly means," to use Mr. Fox's excellent expression. It was the British who were for appealing to force, Governor Fairfield was as far from uttering threats as he was unmoved by them.

But here for the present we stop. We intend devoting another article to the subject in consequence of some highly interesting correspondence we have lately seen in the Richmond Enquirer, between our minister in London and Lord Palmerston on the boundary question. We think that our readers cannot fail to take an interest in it, and it will be our province to analyze its material passages, drawing attention to them.

*The public have learned with great satisfaction that Mr. Forsyth has lately been on to the frontier, where doubtless his important services have been further and personally given towards advancing the negotiations about the boundary line.

From the Bangor Democrat.

THE NO PARTY QUESTION.

Averse as we are to an amalgamation of parties, and as much as we disbelieve that the two parties can act harmoniously together, on ordinary occasions, still the question of our N. E. Boundary line is one upon which they cannot join issue without weakening and prejudicing our common State cause, and hazarding the great advantages which this whole people would secure. Hence we deeply regret to see a disposition on the part of certain whigs to divide the people upon it by attempting to make up a false issue between the parties at the coming election. Let us disagree upon old principles and legitimate party questions, but we must remain united upon the great State question, if we would have it determined and the State respected. There is no reason why we may not be thus united, while each party sustains its respective candidate and distinctive principles.—We would fain believe that the course pursued, which must necessarily disunite the people if persisted in, is occasioned by the less culpable cause than design, & that it will yet be abandoned.

It now appears to the nation making the adverse claim, to the people of the Union, and to the world, that the whole people are united as one man and pledged each to the other to defend at all hazards the integrity and character of the State. Should we permit this great State question to degenerate into one of mere party, what would be thought of our professions of ardent zeal, devoted enthusiasm, and self-sacrificing patriotism! Deep humiliation and disgrace would attend us if the sequel should show that all our professions were merely for the purpose of obtaining the triumph of a party, or maintaining a party ascendancy. Such a party would justly excite the scorn and contempt of all beholders; the nation would desert us, and the claim of Great Britain would be strengthened.

The consequences resulting from the harmonious action of the Legislature and Executive last winter, when all parties threw themselves into the breach, were most desirable and salutary. The power of the State affected the nation, Congress espoused our cause, and our twice conquered foes quailed under it. Is any one so selfish and recreant, as to wish for a party triumph simply, to undo all that has been so nobly done!

The Whigs last winter, voluntarily and in good faith we would charitably believe, committed themselves to favor of the present policy of the State, and no special pleading or finesse in reasoning will enable them to escape from their just proportion of the responsibility.—Neither can we conceive why they should wish to shake it off, or to part with the honor they thereby acquired. While the Democracy would not shrink from assuming the whole loss and gain, they would not be so dishonorable as to withhold from their opponents their just due.—We look upon the record of the acts of the year past as forming the brightest page in our history. The State assumed an attitude worthy of herself, and in maintaining that position now hereafter, we can have all the sympathy and

assistance from our brethren of the Union that we may desire. We have put our hand to the plough and cannot look back. The Governor of the State is immovable and resolved on closing this long account, and the people will sustain him in doing it, as they have urged him forward in the work.

While we would remonstrate with our opponents against making this boundary a party question, because it would prejudice our cause and put off the day of settlement, we would respectfully ask them to make known their views, to define their position, so that we may do them no injustice as to the issue sought or mistake the ground they occupy. The moral power of both parties is wanted to command the attention of others, and it may be that the physical strength of both will be needed to assert our rights. No person at all acquainted with our people, believes that they are not in earnest, and if any one supposes the Governor can be shaken in his purpose, they know not the man. Both are waiting the definite action of the General Government, but will they wait long! Every thing now wears a quiet aspect, but the fire still rages under the surface and will break out again. It cannot be long smothered—it ought not to be extinguished until truth and right triumph over arrogance assumption.

We honestly acknowledge that we see little probability that the two nations will settle this question for the present, if ever, in an amicable way. It is apparent that the General Government is too moderate, pacific, and diplomatic for the latitude of Maine. It is too anxious for peace and friendly relations to see with the eyes of our people. It would not be at all surprising, if, while it is cultivating a peace policy and good understanding with England, the torch of war should be lighted through its neglect and mistaken policy. Maine has remonstrated with the General Government year after year, but in vain; it has been done in the spirit of a dutiful and submissive child, and hence she has been overlooked and neglected, and her prayers disregarded. Our severe lessons of experience have taught us one truth, that the child can as well do without the parent as the parent without the child. Maine has long cheerfully sustained the Administration and contributed largely to the support of the General Government, but what has she received in return but a younger son's portion, and wining, chilling neglect! How have our prayers been answered and our grievances redressed! As a sincere friend & well wisher of the Administration, we are compelled to say that if Maine is neglected and forsaken, she will in turn neglect and forsake. It is folly to suppose that it can be otherwise, or that forbearance will always be considered a virtue. The policy of the Administration towards Maine, is neither wise, generous, or even just. We are compelled to say we have but little faith in its peace policy to preserve peace, as affecting this State, and protest against its unjust neglect. Professions, correspondence, negotiations, diplomacy—they are not, never have been and never can be satisfactory, and may become, we know not how, insupportable. The General Government, as well understood, its duty as we our right, and if it is guilty of neglect and injustice, and a breach of faith, we must fall back upon State rights and rely upon ourselves.

No stronger argument can possibly be advanced in favor of the unity of the people, than the critical state of our affairs. We can have no strength without this union, and without it we make no progress. In selecting their respective candidates let each party then have reference to this State question, and whichever is elected will be sure to entertain the right views upon this subject, so that both parties can still act harmoniously together upon the great State question.

From the Washington Globe.

Disparaging the People.

The New York Daily Whig (a Tallmadge print) pays involuntary homage to the party whom the Judas sought to betray, while it attempts to degrade the majority of the people.

From the N. York Daily Whig.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. It has been the policy of the Van Buren party, and one from which they have scarcely departed in a single instance, to place their candidates early in the field. They well know how large a class of voters have little leisure for speculating on the measure which this or that statesman would be likely to carry onward, if placed at the helm. They are aware of the influence of a popular name, in rallying their squadrons of political action.

General Jackson from an accidental movement at a fortunate juncture, was made the candidate of the coalition against John Q. Adams, at the very threshold of his administration. He at once made the nucleus of an opposition destined to accomplish a great political revolution. His name was the rallying cry. His party, for three years prior to his election, inserted it upon their banners—it was trusted upon liberty poles—paraded upon handkerchiefs and ribbons, badges and buttons, crockery ware and brass medals—and pasted in huge capitals upon the dark and dismal walls of every den and grocery throughout all the land. *This it was that did the work.* Thousands and the thousands of voters would shout hosannas to Jackson, who could not stop to consider the consequences of his elevation. Little did they care about the vexed question of politics; it would make little difference with them whether the cotton growers, or wool spinners were protected, so long as they could get shirts to the backs, and enough to eat and drink—they thanked God (such as believed in him) that they were freemen, and could vote for old Hickory! He was their chief.

It is a distinguishing trait with the Democracy that they bring their candidates early into the field. Jefferson was the rival of John Adams when elected to the Vice Presidency by the Democracy; from the opening of that canvass until his election in 1800, he was the avowed candidate of the party for the Presidency. Mr. Madison was the recognised candidate of the party through the administration of Mr. Jefferson. After the era of amalgamation which confounded parties passed, Gen. Jackson was the declared candidate of the Democracy four years in advance of his successive election. From the hour that Mr. Van Buren received the nomination for the Vice Presidency, the people undisguisedly, in all the public meetings and toasts, proclaimed him the candidate of the Democracy. He is now, with one consent, and by all parties, announced as the candidate of the Democracy, for the next term.

The Democracy bring their candidates into the field early, because they put forward none whose character they think will not abide the handling—none whom they do not believe will grow stronger from the scanning of the public eye—none whom it is necessary to palm upon reluctant partisans by intrigue, bargain and management.

From the Eastern Argus.

Levelers, Destructives, Loco Focos.

These have been the favorite appellations, which it has constantly delighted the hearts of the opposition, to apply to the Democratic party. By the use of such catchwords as these, have they deliberately and wickedly attempted to deceive the people into a belief, that the friends of the Administration are the enemies to property—the agrarians of the nineteenth century—men without principle and without estate—seeking to pull down the whole social fabric, in order to gratify their love of spoil among its ruins. These absurd and insulting charges have formed a large portion of the electioneering matter of the Federal press; and some weak and timid men, we doubt not, have been frightened by their continued iteration, into the idea that the Democratic party really was a sort of Cyclopean monster, to be shunned by all good and order-loving persons. There is something base and wicked in raising these cries, because they are known by those who utter them, to be wholly at variance with truth—utter and rank falsehood. The federalists know, beyond a doubt, that the Democracy of the country are the true property-holders of the nation, and consequently, directly interested in the preservation of good order, a sound currency, and wise laws. The Gazette is now tacitly admitting all this. It is actually publishing catalogues of men, who are, at the same time large property holders, and members of the republican party. Is it possible? Are these the enemies of property—the loco foco levelers, who go far a division of estate once in seven years? Are these the "tag, rag and bob-tail," the ignorant, benighted, nose-led votes, who without money themselves, have been trying to fill their pockets at the expense of others? Really, the Democratic party, according to the judgment of the Gazette, must have changed its character with remarkable suddenness. A little while ago, one would hardly have believed, in the description given of it by the Gazette, that it contained a single man in its ranks, who ever owned a cent of shilling, or rejoiced in the possession of a change of linen. But now, unreluctantly enough that same party, we are told, own nearly all the property in the State, and are interested even in those very banks, which, suicidal beings! they are trying, all the time, to crush and destroy! One thing is very certain—the two stories can be both true. The Gazette must either have lied before, or else it is lying now. Let its readers look to it! And in order to test the question, we beg them to inquire which of the two parties, now dividing the country, has shown itself, by its acts, most friendly to the preservation of a sound currency, and to the stability of every species of property. Take, instance, the very class of property mentioned in the Gazette—Bank Stock, and what has caused its depreciation in this city? We venture to assert that if ten federalists here, whom we might name, would pay the full amount of their original and present liabilities to the Banks, the stock of these institutions would now be at par, instead of 25 per cent below it. Who does, not know this? Who does not know that the "Destructives" in this respect, have been among the opposition, and not in the Republican ranks? The truth is that a sound currency, while it has every thing to fear from the upholders of a bloated and baseless credit system—the friends of an irredeemable currency of shipplasters—has its only firm foundation, and its best security in the sound principles and prudent measures advocated by the friends of the Administration.

THE ORIGIN OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

The Gazette talks about the "getters up" of the Democratic party, as though it was a thing of yesterday. We commend to our neighbor's perusal the following better account of the matter, which is found in a letter of George Bancroft of Massachusetts, which was sent to the East Abington celebration on the 4th ult:

Letter of George Bancroft.

Boston, July 1, 1839.

Gentlemen—No invitation could be more agreeable than one to join the Democracy of Plymouth county in celebrating our national independence. The old colony is the storehouse of bright examples and sound principles: the cabin of the Mayflower was the birth place of modern popular freedom; and the civic heroes with whom the bark was freighted, conse-

crated to Democracy. Of themselves they instituted government; and every branch of it was kept in strict and almost in immediate dependence upon the popular judgment and will. In those early days the magistrates held their office by no tenure of life: but as those who performed the duty of judges were responsible to the people, and as the people themselves were the high court of appeal, their judicial decrees were in harmony with the dictates of humanity and common sense. They never allowed manslaughter to be expiated by a fine of thirty dollars: nor were the little barks of the first fishermen of New England, on their return from Sagadahoc and Acadia, condemned by an arbitrary decision to be received as aliens. The Pilgrims were thoroughly imbued with the true spirit of democracy; and the more their little institutions are examined, either in regard to their character or their influence, the more we shall be instructed in the nature and confirmed in the love of our political creed.

The Pilgrims described themselves, as men who had been brought up "in a plain country life, and the innocent trade of husbandry." It was among the yeomanry that their great principles first planted themselves; and the cultivators of the soil will be the very last by whom they will be resigned.

The Pilgrims were exposed to abuse, they were the objects of all the calumny which the "malignants" of their day could heap upon their names, branding their profession with a byword of reproach, and attempting to cover the exiles with derision and scorn. But standing as firm as the rock of Plymouth, these honest loco focos of the seventeenth century left the "malignants" to their lawless amusements of rage and railing, and gave an example of the indifference which is due to a hate, which can envy, but which cannot injure.

From the Eastern Argus.

Foreign Interference.

The Federal Monopolists of the grand city of Boston cannot "forget to remember" that Maine was once a district of Massachusetts; and although she is now a separate and independent State they still maintain, the deepest interest in her welfare, and do every thing in their power to bring her up in the path of what they deem, political rectitude. In the exercise of this paternal feeling, they take especial pains, just previous to our annual elections, to send among us a delegation from their own number, by whose wisdom we may be instructed in the duties of a "moral and religious people"—one of the first and most important of which, they generally tell us, is to vote the Federal ticket. Nor do they exhibit the generous disposition towards us, in words alone—in the mere formality of lip service. Their friendship goes much farther. In the exuberance of their affection, they feel for us even to their pockets, and are in the habit of freely contributing of their money, to be distributed as "a reward of merit," among those of our voters, who are docile enough to learn, in short time, in the twinkling of an eye, as it were, "the whole duty of Federalism," as is laid down clearly and broadly, in the Bay State newspapers.

We have only to turn back a leaf or two in our political history, to find recorded evidence of this kind of feeling to which we have referred. The years '34 and '38, in particular, were seasons when it was most liberally manifested. At those periods nothing was left undone by our Massachusetts friends, which might have any tendency whatever, to bring us on to the platform of political faith; and, although, all their efforts proved unavailing, and our State most ungratefully turned her back upon her old mother-in-law, yet even now their affection seems to continue unabated for their traitor daughter. The Boston correspondent of the N. Y. Evening Post says, in a recent communication:—"The attention of Massachusetts politicians is directed strongly to the series of elections about to take place; and, in this quarter, the State of Maine is an object of attack from the State Street Whigs, who are making serious demonstrations to cover the ground they lost last year, despite the profuse expenditures of their money. To effect this object, the credit of the State has been abused in every possible manner, the expenses of the border war magnified enormously—the real amount (\$300,000) being swelled to a million—and every obstacle thrown in the way of persons wishing to obtain a loan here or elsewhere."

Now we do not wish to check this current of good feeling from Massachusetts, but we cannot help advising the Aristocracy of that State, to be careful this year, lest, through their attention and charities abroad, their party may suffer at home. If all signs do not fail, they will have their hands full, between this and November, in attending to their own affairs. We assure them, too, that Maine is rather disposed just now to "go alone," and would hardly be influenced to change her politics, by any electioneering spirit, which Boston Federalists may have in their power to raise, for her conversion.

In their efforts to prevent the procurement of a loan by our State, referred to by the preceding extract, we see only the revival of an old Federal trick. Our readers have not forgotten, that similar exertions were made by the "peace party" in the last war, to cripple the energies of the General Government. They remember no doubt, how the Federal papers were filled to overflowing, at that time, with advice to their friends, and threats to their opponents, all tending to their same *foxy* objects of keeping empty the National Treasury, and frustrating the success of a righteous war. They remember, however, also, that those efforts signally failed, and that their authors were overwhelmed with confusion and disgrace; and they will not, therefore, be at all disturbed at the efforts of a

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